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## Area events to help usher in Halloween

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Ghosts and goblins may be a little tired by Halloween in Killeen and Fort Hood, since they will start their hair-raising activities early.

After a month of preparation, the eighth-annual Fort Hood Haunted House is ready to open at 6 p.m. today through Halloween.

It's already set up next to the Main Post Exchange off Clear Creek Road and will be opened until 11 p.m. each night to the public.

"When it gets dark, it's going to get crazy out here," said Sgt. Ian Forgey, of the 27th Main Support Battalion of the 1st

Cavalry Division, that has hosted the house each year.

The complex consists of a series of three large Army maintenance tents, constructed with plywood barriers inside and various pieces of camouflage netting to create passages within each tent. A guide is placed at the front and at the rear of each group going through the softly-lit house to ensure no one is lost or travels off course, Forgey said.

A \$2 donation is suggested to help offset costs and to contribute to the battalion's Family Readiness Group Fund.

For the first time ever in Killeen this year, the Parks &



The Fort Hood Haunted House on Clear Creek Road on the Main Post Exchange parking lot opens to the public tonight at 6 p.m. The house was created by 40 soldiers of the 27th Main Support Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division. Thirty costumed "ghouls" will be inside to entertain and scare those brave enough to enter.

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Recreation will host its annual haunted house for four nights beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday through Halloween inside the Special Events Center off South W.S. Young Drive.

"It's also bigger and scarier this year," said Meglan Douglass, the event coordinator for Killeen Parks & Recreation.

"Because it's so scary, we have set up a Fun House for children."

The Fun House will feature friendlier characters that will offer the children treats, Douglass said.

She said it will take about 30 minutes for those who dare to get through this year's haunted house for the cost of a \$1.

There's no need to worry about the weather, because all the activities are set up inside the Special Events Center.

On Oct. 31, Douglass said they will have their Halloween

Carnival at no cost.

"This event is a safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating and also safe from adverse weather conditions, because the event is inside," Douglass said.

The activities will include the Moonwalk, bungee run, a petting zoo, public service displays, haunted library, games and plenty of candy, she added.

Concessions will be available each night.

